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In re application of:  
Hiroshi KUKINO et al.  
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Manufacturing the Same

Art Unit: Not assigned  
Examiner: Not assigned

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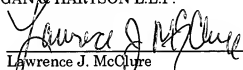
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- ☒ Enclosed is a search report for a counterpart application. The search report Examiner has provided comments on the relevancy of any non-English language references cited in the search report.
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- ☐ Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references: N/A

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